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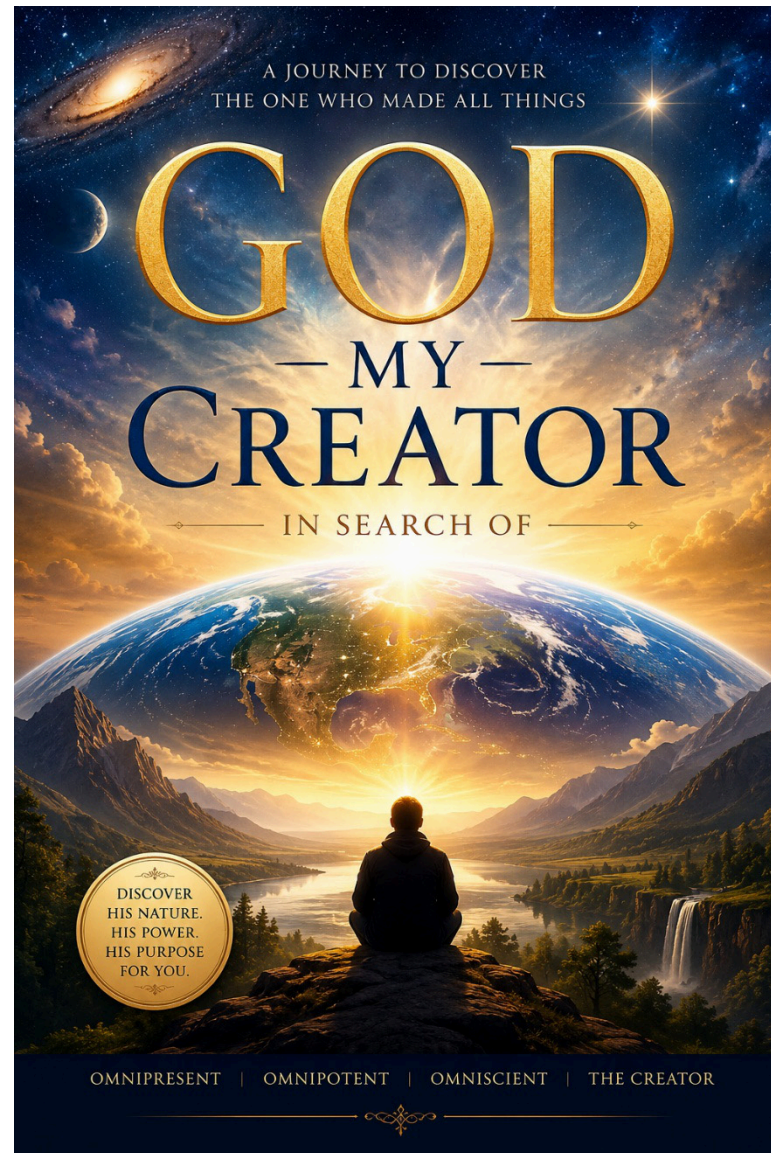
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As a thinking being who appears in time at a specific juncture in time and space, the existence of the Creator is not at first self-evident. ⁱ Before full consciousness and experience, the first authority figures were parents, elders and those we met on earth.

We eventually realized as we grow that our world had been in existence long before we were born. There had been a lot of activities and serious realities including wars, famines, earthquakes, various natural and human disasters that we did not experience but had disappeared completely into time.

We in most cases grow up with the effects and consequences of those decisions, actions and historical waves we had not been part of.

As humans, we eventually meet certain realities also, the fact that those we met here on earth are also not stable. Before long we come into contact with one or two cases that brought another reality to our young consciousness, the temporality of everything here and the finality of death.

For most of us, the question of a creator may not be a question but that of a certainty. This is because in our upbringing we had been told about God. In our homes, Sunday schools, synagogues, churches etc. the stories of creation in one way or the other will have been part of our story as we grow up. In some other homes the concept of a creator was not discussed and it was assumed that there was none.ⁱⁱ Whatever our upbringing, we eventually would realize as we move into the wider world, that our narrow circle of homes, families and churches extend far beyond our limited horizon.

For some, coming into elementary and secondary schools will introduces exposure,

for the first time, to other students who to our surprise, do not belong to our own peculiar religious denomination at all. We shared the same faith but they are followers of some fragments and denominations that we and our family lines did not subscribe to.

Eventually we would soon discover that there are other students who not only did not belong to our peculiar denominations but had a different faith entirely. For some, encountering those outside of the Christian faith would widen their world to full human spectrum of beliefs and faiths commonly expressed on earth.ⁱⁱⁱ

The Identity of the Creator.

Who is the Creator of the universe and all that we see?

There are many perspectives to this question.

In most religions of mankind, the Creator is one absolute being who is beyond time and space and creates all that is, present, past and future.^{iv}

In some other human traditions, there are multiple creators and possibly many gods.

Some human thinkers are sure there is no creator at all, while some assume that the creator and the universe are one and the same and there is no independent force.

Some people think also that there is no way we can be sure if there is a creator or not. Some scientists even think there is a possibility of other universe apart from our own.^v

In our world on earth, we can observe directly vast lands surfaces, massive trees and diverse animals and lower creatures in all areas of the earth. We can also see the effect of various forces and powers on earth. For example, we witness at times that winds in the form of hurricanes can move massive structures and scatter with great force anything in their path. We are also aware of volcanoes, earthquakes and other forms of great forces that shape and reshape the earth surfaces and the vast oceans.

We observe the heavenly bodies, stars, our sun and the moon, we can stand on the same level of our primitive ancestors looking at the blue sky and great mountains that reach up to the highest heights.

In modern times, advances in science, astronomy and physics had given us even greater perspective to the immense macroscopic extent of the great universe. The universe is astronomically so big that the distance alone is enough to strike a terror to the imagination. The

advancement of science had also made the reality of the microscopic world also very astonishing. A world exist that is more minute than a grain of sand. In this miniscule world at the level of the cell, a great deal of information also exists, so complex and dynamic it mirrors a advanced engineering not limited by size. In this micro universe, simplicity was not actually the reality but a world where wisdom was displayed despite the small size scales.

Therefore, wherever we look and search, first to our direct observable world on earth. Second, the universe awareness made possible by our advanced science and technology. Third, most astonishing, the microscopic worlds, we can see not only complexities of the highest engineering feats but also remarkable wisdom and depth.

The Creator's Attributes

We as humans have diverse and varied concept about God based on our limited, different understanding, religious background and cultural perspectives.

However, the Creator is seen universally as the first cause, the being who had no beginning, no constraint and would never expire.

There are some beautiful concepts that we used to express the Creator. Some of the most popular attributes include Omnipresence, Omnipotence and Omniscience. ^{vi}

Omnipresence

This is the concept that God is present everywhere. He can be found in any part of the universe and is transcendent. ^{vii}

This concept is difficult to understand for any one thing can only be in one place at a particular time. Omnipresence would mean that God is in the Venus planet, on Earth, far away Pluto as he is simultaneously present in North America as well at the same time in Africa, Asia and any other parts of the earth.

This means it is impossible to escape Him. We cannot run away from his influence and even if a person decides to build a bunker in the deepest part of a mountain hidden in a forest, about 2500 meters below the earth crust, he will still meet the Creator there.

Omnipotence

This is the concept of a being that is all powerful and beyond all powers. When we look at the level of energy displayed in nature. In our sun and the myriads of stars

scattered in the sky we realize that the total energy in the universe is tremendous.

The nuclear energy on earth and the destructive nature of all the bombs on earth is nothing compared to the energy produced by our Sun every second. Our Sun alone supporting the earth with energy since creation is a testimony to great powers at work in nature.

For the Creator, his omnipotence means that all sources of powers and energy currently displayed in nature in diverse forms are from him. There are no independent powers which is strange or unknown to him and that what we see in nature is just a tiny manifestation of his infinite powers and energy.

No wonder the scripture stated that the Devil believes in God and trembles.¹

¹ Jas 2:19 Thou believes that there is one God; thou do well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Omniscience

The concept of omniscience means that God is in custody of all knowledge in the Universe and beyond. ^{viii}

Since the recorded history of human existence on earth there had been several civilizations both in the old and new world. Some of the knowledge explored in these civilizations were preserved in forms of clay tablets. It is these preserved tablets that enable us to know the extent of the knowledge, skills and wisdom of some of our ancient ancestors.

The Sumerians were advanced in writing, astronomy, engineering and other forms of knowledge, the Egyptians also had extensive advancement in mathematics, science and engineering.² In the new world, the Maya civilization also had some

² Bottéro, J. (1992).

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Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

advanced knowledge beyond the level of primitive existence. ³When we examine these civilizations across all the continent of the world, we could see as far as the preserved texts, artifacts and archaeological findings could enable us to know, various complex and advanced forms of knowledge, in most cases, built independently across different civilizations.

In most of the case, the full extent of the knowledge of the ancient had been lost to us, but what we can infer, there are really great advancement in knowledge that had enabled each of the civilization to flourish.

Those bodies of knowledge were formulated and used to sustain the civilization of that culture as at that time.

In Europe, the Industrial Revolution marked a period of unprecedented advances in science, engineering, manufacturing, and technological innovation. The widespread

³ Sharer, R. J., & Traxler, L. P. (2006). *The Ancient Maya* (6th ed.). Stanford University Press.

use of coal as the principal energy source, together with the development and refinement of the steam engine, transformed production, transportation, and urban life, giving rise to a distinctive industrial civilization characterized by mechanized manufacturing, rapid economic growth, and profound social change.⁴

In our modern world knowledge had advanced to a new information and computer ages that are beyond and of different scales to all our human forebears were able to access.

In this, we can realize what we humans with our feeble time scales and limited mind and brain were able to put together in regards to the working of a world we found ourselves. This world is not of our own

⁴ Allen, R. C. (2009). *The British Industrial Revolution in Global Perspective*. Cambridge University Press.

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making and of which we are just created beings and not the ultimate Creator.

Who makes all this information so diverse in each culture and so complex in the first place?

What kind of knowledge will be available for a being who had lived before time was created and would continue to exist after everything in the Universe expire?

What kind of knowledge is required to run the entire Universe?

We humans can only master one or two disciplines and what we know over an entire lifetime of our human journey on earth is so limited that it can be safely stated that we are born in ignorance and would die in ignorance. We simply cannot know all the knowledge on earth- just humanly created knowledge -within a 100-year lifespan, especially as that bodies of knowledge expands every single day.

And yet, there is a being who knows not only the entire knowledge on earth, the

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working knowledge of how everything operates from the smallest electron, virus, to the gigantic heavenly bodies in the spacious part of the outer universe.

It is mindboggling and also humbling to realize that this capacity, the omniscience attributes of God is a really great one.

The Creator

As introduced to us by the Old Testament.

In the Hebrew tradition that was from the land of Israel we were introduced to the Creator as he was revealed to the Hebrew Saints and Prophets.^{ix}

What we know about the Creator comes from corporate general observation handed over from one generation to another. Who the Creator really is, can only be known by traditions he revealed about himself. What, we know about our Creator is only fragment of whatever he revealed about himself. We can never know him, we are too unworthy and unqualified to even approach his exclusive kingdom.

In the Old Testament, Jehovah (YHWH) is frequently declared as the sole,

ultimate Creator of the universe. These passages emphasize His unmatched power, divine wisdom, and absolute sovereignty over everything that exists.^x

Isaiah 45:18: "For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): 'I am the LORD, and there is no other.'"

The Creator

As introduced by the New Testament

The Creator God as introduced by the New Testament point exclusively to a certain man who was on earth in the first century, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.^{xi} The New Testament told us a beautiful story of how the Creator was fully incarnated on earth to live like us, as a man in order to save us, and understand our plight as humans. ^{xii}

This view of the Creator is Christian perspective. Other variants of this exists among the different denominations in Christianity.

Several New Testament passages explicitly identify Jesus as the Creator of the Universe. In these texts, He is presented as the active agent through whom God the Father created all things.

The primary New Testament verses identifying Jesus as the creator include John 1:3 and 1:10, which state all things were made through Him. Colossians 1:16 describes Him as the agent through whom all things in heaven and earth were created, while Hebrews 1:2 and 1:10 affirm He made the world and laid its foundations. Additionally, 1 Corinthians 8:6 explicitly states that all things exist through Him. In Revelation 1 verse 8 Jesus said “I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”

DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

The concept of God and the Creator differs widely across the global village. The diversity of thought as regards who the Creator ranges from multiple Creators in Ancient Greek thoughts to no Creator at all in some modern secular school of thoughts.

We will briefly consider some major non-Judeo-Christian religion in this chapter.

Islam

The concept of God in Islam is similar in some extent to the Hebrew received tradition.^{xiii}

However, for a person born in dominant Muslim Culture, his perspective of who the Creator is actually differ from another

person who was born in predominant Christian Nation despite the similarities.

The Islamic worldview of who the creator Allah is engrained from childhood by rigorous studies of the Holy Quran. As early as possible while Christian youth learn about the Creator in Sunday School, Islamic youth usually goes to an Islamic school. While in this school the revelation about the Supreme being as it was given to Prophet Muhammed in the Quran would be committed to memory as early as possible.

According to Islam, the Creator is Allah—the one, singular, supreme, and uncreated God. Muslims believe He is the sole source of all existence, the sustainer of the universe, and the only entity worthy of worship.

Islamic teachings emphasize absolute monotheism (known as *Tawhid*). Key beliefs about Allah include:^{xiv}

Uncreated First Cause: He has no beginning or end, no parents, and no offspring. He is completely unique and unlike anything in His creation.

Sustainer and Ruler: He does not just create the world; He continuously sustains it, decrees natural laws, and oversees all affairs.

The 99 Names: ^{xv}

In the Quran, Allah is described by His 99 attributes, which include *Al-Khaliq* (The Creator), *Ar-Rahman* (The Most Merciful), and *Al-Alim* (The All-Knowing).

Knowing God is through reading of the Holy Quran, the prescribed rules of living in the Quran and the Hadith and pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime in addition to praying faithfully five times each day.

Zoroastrianism

The Zoroastrianism religion is an ancient faith originally from Persia. Most adherents today are still of Persian descendants and they are to be found in present day Iran, India and in North America.

The faith has some ideas that are similar to some extent to both Judaism and Christianity.

The supreme being that create all in this religion was said to have appeared to Prophet Zoroaster 1200 BCE.

According to Zoroastrianism, the uncreated creator and supreme deity is Ahura Mazda, which translates to "Wise Lord". Ahura Mazda is regarded as the source of all goodness, light, and life, and is believed to have created the universe through divine thought. ^{xvi}

In Zoroastrian theology, the creator operates through several core principles:

The Amesha Spenta's: These are seven "Bounteous Immortals" or divine emanations that act as extensions of Ahura Mazda's character and govern different aspects of creation (e.g., truth, good mind, and wholeness).

Cosmic Dualism: While Ahura Mazda is the ultimate creator of all that is good, the religion features a cosmic struggle between two opposing forces: Spenta Mainyu (the holy spirit of Ahura Mazda) and Angra Mainyu (or Ahriman, the destructive spirit of evil and darkness).

Human Responsibility: Humanity was created with free will and is called upon to actively assist Ahura Mazda by doing good thoughts, good words, and good deeds (*humata, huxta, hvarsta*) to help perfect the world. ^{xvii}

Hinduism

In India, the concept of the Creator is a bit different from the Abrahamic religion, although the supreme being bear certain similarity to the concept of the trinitarian concept of Godhead in mainstream Christianity.

According to Hindus, the supreme creator of the universe is Lord Brahma. He is the first deity in the Trimurti (Hindu trinity), alongside Vishnu (the preserver) and Shiva (the destroyer).^{xviii}

Although Lord Brahma is the creator in India what is amazing is that he is much less widely worshipped today compared to Vishnu or Shiva as it is believed his primary work of creation is complete.^{xix}

THE ATHEISTIC VIEWS AND OBJECTIONS

In our modern world, several prominent people in North America and Europe had expressed the notion that there is definitely no God or Creator. ^{xx}

Some supposed that the existence of the Creator can neither be objectively proven or disproved. However, how do we explain the mysteries and complexities of life and existence as we can see in nature and more recently with the invention of powerful telescope our universe.^{xxi} If there is no designer or creator it will be difficult not only to explain nature but the force and powers demonstrated in nature and the universe.^{xxii} Scientist tried to bypass this obstacle by explaining life on earth through the doctrine of Evolution and natural selection. This theory could not be prove or subjected to scientific verification and no

scientist can be hundred percent sure that this theory is true.

In most cases, people that had concluded in their mind that there is nothing like the Creator will not be consciously searching for their Creator, their Father in Heaven.

Such a search is deeply personal and has to be done through the right channel. In history, it was recorded that a sincere searcher was seeking for the truth.⁵ His name was Buddha, unfortunately we can be sure he really did not find him. The search for the Creator is unfortunately not an easy path. It required abandonment of certain pleasures of this life and a serious abandonment of the superficial attachment to the gratifications of the senses. Even with all human efforts without the grace and

⁵ Some Scholars disagree and claim Buddha was only seeking for enlightenment .

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mercy of God in revealing himself. Knowing God will be impossible.⁶

⁶ For a personal witness of the author experience of the divine see (The Synagogue experience : <http://www.menorahinstitute.wordpress.com>)

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CHRIST AS THE TRUE CREATOR

Of all the Creator claimant in all religion the one by the Lord Jesus Christ seems to be the strongest.

Christian Scriptures claim that Jesus of Nazareth is the same Jehovah who made heaven and earth in the beginning. He was the same being that walked and spoke to Adam in the garden of Eden.⁷

He was the one that came down to access the situation of the earth after the flood.

He was the one that incarnate and dwell among his creatures in the first century. He however told us that no one has ever seen God before and at the same time told one of his disciples that seeing him is the same as seeing the Father in Heaven.⁸

⁷ The first two chapters of Genesis in the Holy Bible.

⁸ The book of John in the New Testament.

As all the deities in all the religion of man have remained abstract with no evidence of them visiting their creatures even once, the incarnation of the word as Jesus was unique and unparalleled.⁹ What really buttresses his claim for all time is that the other gods despite claiming to be the Creator had never visit humanities for the past 6000 years of human history. They should at least made some veritable appearance to their creatures.

While belief in the Supreme God of some faith remain largely theoretical, abstract and abstruse, the God in the flesh makes the aimless search for our Creator to come to a definitive end.

Other Creators in other religion remain at best abstract, unseen with possible indirect evidence of their being at only at the faith

⁹ ibid

level. Only Jesus present direct and indirect evidence of his authority as the Creator God.

He told us all powers in heaven and earth has been given unto him. He demonstrates miracles only possible at the level of the Creator.

He told us where there are two or three gather anywhere in the world, he will be there demonstrating his omnipresence.

He demonstrated knowledge beyond the level of a created being, particularly in his resurrected state.

He claims to be the Almighty, the omnipotence of which all powers in heaven and earth are with.

Since the first century resurrection, he appeared to several people and had continue to appear to several people till date. ¹⁰

¹⁰ Numerous testimonies can be read and researched on the internet particularly the divine revelation website.

His message for his disciples to go into all the world and make disciples of all nation not only make sense but show his authority and claim on all humans on earth. As the creator of all mankind and savior as well he calls for all mankind irrespective of countries or background. All mankind irrespective of their religious or ethnic origins were made by him.

Thus, all mankind is to forego other gods. He said" come to me forsake false gods, imagined gods that are not your maker."¹¹

Jesus as the Creator called on to all men to follow him.

¹¹ This is the central message of the New Testament

My God and my Lord¹²

As life passes, just as Solomon, we soon realized that life is fleeting and what we thought we have, does not actually belong to us.

Our homes and properties can be stolen. The careers we pursue with pride and other seemingly important luxuries of the world quickly loses its ultimate relevance with time. Series of better options and material objects quickly outdate what we thought are so precious some years before.

And yet, we realized that in our youth, hardly do we think about our creator and God at all. We have other more important

¹² An astonishing expression by Saint Thomas as he beheld the resurrected Lord. Saint John Gospel Chapter 20 verse 28.

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things to pursue, the glamorous lores of this temporary world.

Ultimately, as time slipped away and we draw nigh to old age we would now realize how wrong we had been. We would realize that the search for the Creator God is the only worthy pursuit, for when others things would eventually fade and give away, finding the Lord would prove more valuable than all the silver and the gold in the world.

**"" Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them""
Ecclesiastes 12 vs 1**

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